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## BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL...5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

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Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

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Local Bills Discounted.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

## AUCTIONS.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 27th day of February, 1877, at 4 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's road,

VALUABLE DRAMATIC LIBRARY.

COMPRISES:

Scarce Reprints of the Old English Dramatists.

The First Folio Edition of Beaumont and Fletcher's Works, with the rare Portrait of Fletcher by Marshall, 1670.

A Fac-Simile of the First Folio Edition Shakespeare's Works, 1623.

First Complete Edition of Ben Jonson's Works, Engraved Frontispiece, by Hole, Vols. Small Folio, 1640.

D'Avenant's Dramatic Works, Brilliant Impression of the Excessively Rare Portrait by Faithorne, Small Folio, 1673.

Suckling's Fragments Aurea, Engraved Portrait by Marshall, 1646.

An Uncut Copy of Shirley's Works, Vols., 1833, very rare.

An Uncut Copy of Middleton's Works, Vols., 1840, very rare.

A Few Early Quarto Plays, &c., &c., &c., a whole in Fine Condition, and many of the utmost rarity.

Also,

A Collection of Miscellaneous Works, including a Complete Set of the Original Editions of Dickens' Christmas Works, Vols., 1843, very rare.

Kay's Edinburgh Portraits, 4 Vols.

An Early English Prayer Book, in White Shell and Silver Binding.

&c., &c., &c.

AFTER WHICH

An Invoice of Saratoga Trunks, Lady's

Gentlemen's Traveling Bags, Satchels,

&c.

An Invoice of Plated-ware, consisting

Ice-Pitchers, Various Patterns, Cus-

ps, Butter, Pickle Stands, and Oak

Dining-room Chairs, Cane Back Office

Chairs, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

Lots, with all faults and errors of

Description, at purchaser's risk on the fall

the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 21, 1877, fe27

## Auctions.

SALE OF HORSES & CARRIAGES, &c., AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Stables, Government House, on

TUESDAY,

the 27th February, 1877, at 4 o'clock p.m.—

The following HORSES and CARRIAGES, &c., the Property of His Excellency Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, &c., &c.

A Bay Australian Horse, Kalamarang, Carries a Lady, and quiet in Harness.

A Black Australian Horse, The Snarl, 5 years old, Carries a Lady.

A London-built Victoria with Pole, Shafts and Single Harness.

A Light American Waggon with Pole, and Fitted for Shafts.

A quiet Pony, with Trap and Harness.

The above may be viewed at Government House Stables, till the time of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. fe27

### POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. GEO. DONS, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 2nd day of March, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Residence, 2, College Gardens,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of: Drawing-Room Furniture in Walnut, made by Whittock and Finlay of Edinburgh; Dining-room Furniture in Mahogany, by Finlay of Edinburgh; Brussels Carpets, Pictures, Glass-ware, Crockery, Bed-room Furniture, Books, Wines, &c.

A Semi-Grand PIANO, by Collard and Collard.

A SEWING MACHINE for Hand or Foot, by Singer.

A JARDINIERE, by Motzis of London.

LOBBY FURNITURE, in Black-

wood.

One Parlour BILLIARD TABLE, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Thursday the 1st March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. mc2

## Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th December last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1) per share of \$125, is PAYABLE on or after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

## MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

### ROUYER GUILLET & CO.'S CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

### POMMERY & GRENO'S EXTRA SEC. CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints.

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

THE MEDICAL HALL,

97, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
ESTABLISHED 1863.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, April 26, 1876. ap28

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By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Business Contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1876, on or before the 28th Instant, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. mc1

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.

NOTICE.

BY Order of the Board of Directors of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, we have ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSINESS at this Port.

Until Further Notice the Offices of the Company will remain at No. 16, Praya Central.

Mr O. V. SMITH is authorised to sign Bills of Lading.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. mc2

SPANISH CONSULATE.

TENDERS for the Construction of SEVEN BOATS for the Spanish Man-of-war will be RECEIVED at This Office until Noon of the 4th day of March next.

Conditions, Plans, &c., are exposed at the same for the information of persons wishing to make proposals.

A FARAUZO,

## INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Batavia and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matched, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPIAN & CO.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one fire risk, or on the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks of current rates.

A deposit of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, January 5, 1873.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Amoy, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

## Mails.



STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton and London;

Also,  
Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship ZAMBESI, Captain Symons, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MOLVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1877.

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## Intimations.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,  
PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications and competition have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next. For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE,  
Municipal Secretary.

Penang,  
Municipal Office,  
The 21st September, 1876.

AH YON,  
SHIP'S COMPRADORE AND  
STEVODORE,  
No. 57, Praya Wer.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF  
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH  
PROVISIONS & OILMANS' STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice  
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

New Ready.

THE CHINA REVIEW,  
Vol. V, No. 3.

Annual Subscription, postage included,

\$6.50.

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MONEY LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.  
BEAN CAKE AS A MANURE.  
PIDGIN ENGLISH.

BOOKS WANTED, EXCHANGES, ETC.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, JANUARY 10, 1877.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE  
DE 1878.

THE CONSUL FOR FRANCE HAS THE  
HONOUR TO INFORM THOSE PERSONS WHO  
WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE INTENDED EXHIBITION,  
THAT THEY WILL FIND AT THE CONSULATE  
ALL INFORMATION AND PARTICULARS THEY  
MAY REQUIRE.

FOR THE CONSUL.

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18, 1876.

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CIRCULAR, LARGE SHEET.

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OAKEY'S  
WELLINGTON KNIFE POLISH

PREPARED EXPRESSLY FOR THE PATENT KEEBLING MACHINES, AND FOR CUTTING AND BUFFING LEATHER, CLOTHES, & KNIVES CONSTANTLY IN USE, WITH IT HAVE A BRILLIANT POLISH EQUAL TO NEW CUTLERY. PACKETS 3D. EACH; AND TINS, 6D., 1/-, 2/-, AND 4/- EACH.

OAKEY'S

INDIARUBBER KNIFE BOARDS

PREVENT FRICTION IN CLEANING AND INJURY TO THE KNIFE. OAKEY'S WELLINGTON KNIFE POLISH SHOULD BE USED WITH HIS BOARDS.

OAKEY'S

SILVERSMITHS' SOAP

NON-MERCURIAL, FOR CLEANING AND POLISHING SILVER, ELECTRO-PLATE, PLATE GLASS, &c. TABLETS 1/- EACH.

OAKEY'S

WELLINGTON BLACK LEAD

IN SOLID BLOCKS—1D., 2D., & 4D. EACH, & 16. BOXES.

JOHN OAKLEY & SONS  
MANUFACTURERS OF  
EMERY CLOTH, BLACK LEAD, CABINET  
CABINET, GLASS, PAPER,  
WELLINGTON AMERY & BLACK LEAD NAILS  
WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD, LONDON, ENGLAND.

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## ENGLISH GOODS

(VIA SUZ CANAL)  
AT CHEAPEST RATES.

D. NICHOLSON & CO.,  
SILK, WOOLEN AND MANCHESTER  
WAREHOUSEMEN,

India, Colonial and Foreign Outfitters,

50 to 68, ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD,

CORNER OF CHEAPFIDE, LONDON,

ESTABLISHED 1843,

Invite attention to their Illustrated 180  
page Catalogue and Outfitting List 60 pages,  
semi-post free, containing full particulars  
as to Woollen, Silk and Cotton Goods of  
every description.

Patterns Free.

Ladies' Clothing, Linens, Hosiery  
Gloves, Ribbons, Haberdashery,  
Jewellery, &c.

Contractors for Military and Police Clothing  
and Accoutrements.

Household Furniture,  
Musical Instruments,  
Ironmongery,

Fire-arms,  
Agricultural Implements,  
Cutlery,

Carriages,  
Saddlery and Harness,  
Boots and Shoes,  
Preserved Provisions,  
Wines and Spirits,  
Ales and Beers,  
Stationery,  
Perfumery,  
Books,  
Toys, &c., &c.

Shipped at Lowest Export Prices.

SOLE Agents for the "Wauzer" and the  
"Gresham" Sewing Machines for the City  
of London.

Foreign Produce disposed of for a Com-  
mission of 2½ per cent.

Price Lists can be had of Messrs Wheatley  
& Co., Bombay, and at the Office of the  
Englishman Newspaper, Calcutta.

TERMS.—Not less than 25 per cent. to  
accompany demands and balances drawn for  
at 60 days' sight.

Parcel not exceeding fifty pounds in  
weight and 2 feet by 1 foot in size, and £20  
in value, are conveyed from London to any  
Post Town in India and Ceylon at a uniform  
charge of 1s. per lb.

Special advantages to Hotel Keepers and  
Regimental Messes.

D. NICHOLSON & CO.,  
50 to 68, St. Paul's Churchyard, and 66,  
Paternoster Row, London.

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The Greatest Wonder of Modern  
Times!

## HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.

Persons suffering from weak or debilitated  
constitutions will discover that by the  
use of this wonderful medicine there is

"Health for all." The blood is the  
fountain of life, and its purity can be main-  
tained by the use of these Pills.

Sir Samuel Baker, in his work entitled  
"The Nile Tributaries in Abyssinia," says:

"I ordered the dragoon Mahomet to  
inform the Pakey that I was a Doctor, and  
that I had the best medicines at the ser-  
vice of the sick, with advice gratis.

In a short time I had many applicants, to whom  
I served out a quantity of Holloway's Pills.

These are most useful to an explorer, as  
possessing unmistakable purgative prop-  
erties they create an undeniably effect upon  
the patient, which satisfies him of their  
value."

SIMPLE, SAFE AND CERTAIN  
HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT

It is a certain remedy for bad legs, bad

breasts, and ulcerations of all kinds.

It acts miraculously in healing ulcerations,

curing skin diseases, and in affecting and  
subduing all inflammations.

Mr. J. T. Cooper, in his account of his

extraordinary travels in China, published

of 1871, says:—"I had with me a quantity

of Holloway's Ointment. I gave some to

the people, and nothing could exceed their

gratitude; and, in consequence, milk, fowl,

butter, and horse-fodder poured in upon us,

till at last a tea-spoonful of Ointment

was worth a fowl and any quantity of peat,

and the demand became so great that I

was obliged to look up the small remaining

stock."

Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Ven-

ters throughout the World.

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## Intimations.

Dysentery, Cholera, Fever,  
Ague, Coughs, Colds, &c.

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S

CHLORODYNE  
(Ex Army Med. Staff)

IS THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY

GENUINE.

CAUTION.—Vice-Chancellor Sir W. P.  
Wood stated that Dr. Collis Browne was  
undoubtedly the Inventor of Chlorodyne,  
that the story of the Defendant, Freeman,  
being the Inventor was deliberately untrue;

which he regretted had been sworn to.  
Eminent Hospital Physicians of London  
stated that Dr. J. Collis Browne was the  
discoverer of Chlorodyne; that they pre-  
scribe it largely, and mean no other than  
Dr. Browne's.—See Times, July 12, 1862.

The public, therefore, are cautioned  
against using any other than

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE.

Remedial uses and action.

This invaluable remedy produces quiet,  
refreshing sleep, relieves pain, calms the  
system, restores the deranged functions,  
and stimulates healthy action of the secre-  
tions of the body, without creating any of  
those unpleasant results attending the use  
of opium. Old and young may take it all  
hours and times when requisite. Thousands  
of persons testify to its marvellous  
good effects and wonderful cures, while  
medical men extol its virtues most exten-  
sively, using it in great quantities in the  
following diseases:—

Diseases in which it is found eminently  
useful.—Cholera, Dysentery, Diarrhoea,  
Colds, Coughs, Asthma, Rheumatism,  
Neuralgia, Whooping-Cough, Cramp, Hy-  
pertension, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Russell commun-  
icated to the College of Physicians and J. T.  
Davenport that he had received informa-  
tion to the effect that the only remedy of  
any service in Cholera was Chlorodyne.—  
See Lancet, Dec. 31, 1864.

From A. Montgomery, Esq., late Inspector  
of Hospitals, Bombay.—"Chlorodyne  
is a most valuable remedy in Neuralgia,  
Asthma, and Dysentery. To it I fairly  
owe my restoration to health, after eighteen  
months' severe suffering, and when other  
remedies had failed."

Solo Manufacturer—

J. T. DAVENPORT,

88, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, London.

Sold in bottles at 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d. & 4s. 6d.

The Public are further Cautioned, a  
forgery of the Government Stamp having  
come to the knowledge of the Board of

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## POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised Sept. 1st, 1876.) In the following Statements and Tables the rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per four ounces, unless otherwise stated.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

(Br.) means By British Packet; (Fr.) by French Packet; (U.S.) by United States Packet. D. P. means Double Postage; C. P. cannot be paid; C. S. cannot be sent; L. at Letter Rate; N. R. No Registration.

## LOCAL AND TOWN POSTAGE.

	Letters	Registration	Books & Patterns
Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction,	2	8	2
Between any other two of the following places (through a British Office) viz.—Hongkong, Macao, Ports of China and Japan, Bangkok, Saigon, and the Philippines, by Private Ship,	4	8	2
Between the above by Contract Mail,	8	8	2
RATES BY PRIVATE STEAMERS.			4
To the United Kingdom, see Table given below. To all other places (to which the vessel is going) the rates, which must be prepaid, except when the address is to India, are, *See Tables below.	8	2	4
INDIA.—By Indian Mail prepayment is optional. Short paid letters are treated as wholly unpaid. By Private Ship correspondence cannot be prepaid. By British and French Packet prepayment is compulsory. Letters cannot be prepaid through to India by every French packet, but only by each alternate one. By the others they are Paid to Gales only, and should be marked, going on from Gales as unpaid.			
Stralsund, U. S. Packet, Australia, &c., E. Africa, St. Helena, Ascension.			
LETTERS.—United States (U. S.), Singapore, Penang, India, Ceylon, Aden, 8 cents. Except India, Ceylon, and Aden, by French Packet, 12 cents.			
Batavia, 12; Saigon and Pondicherry, (Fr.) 12; New Caledonia, Tunis, Tangier, (Fr.) 36.			
Egypt, (Br.) 12, (Fr.) 24.			
Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Zanzibar, &c., 1 oz., 2 cents; 2 oz., 4 cents; Every 4 oz., 8 cents.			
The United Kingdom.			
Superscription.	Letters	Books & Patterns.	
via	Post	1 oz 2 oz	Every 4 oz.
Brindisi (Br.)	28	4 4 8	12
Marseilles (Fr.)	24	4 2 4	8
Southampton (Br.)	12	4	8
By Prv. Steamer	12	4 8	12
via Brindisi	22	4 4 8	12
Registration Fee, 8 cents.			
Continent, &c. of Europe.	Letters	Registration	Newspaper Books Patterns
Austria, Germany, Hungary—			
(Br.) via Brindisi, 18	12	4	10
(Br.) Trieste, 22	12	4	10
(Fr.) Marlies, 36	D.P. C.P. O.P. C.P.		
Belgium, Denmark, Frob Is., Heligoland, Holland, Iceland, Roumania, Servia, Switzerland, (Fr.) via Brindisi, 18	12	4	10
(Br.) via Trieste, 22	12	6	14
(Fr.) Marlies, 36	D.P. C.P. O.P. C.P.		
Norway, Sweden, (Br.) via Brindisi, 18	12	4	10
(Br.) via Trieste, 22	12	6	14
(Fr.) Marlies, 36	D.P. C.P. O.P. C.P.		
France and Algeria, 24	D.P. C.P. O.P. C.P.		
Italy, (Br.) 14	12	2	8
(Fr.) 36	D.P. O.P. C.P.		
Spain—			
Viz. Gibraltar, 24	None	4	1
Brindisi, 36	D.P. C.P. C.P.		
Marseilles, 36	D.P. C.P. C.P.		
Southampton, 24	16	6	12
Gibraltar, (Br.) 24	8	4	8
(Fr.) 36	None	4	14
Turkey, (Br.)			
British Office, 24	8	2	4
Austrian Office, 24	12	4	16
French Office, 24	D.P. C.P.		
Greece, 24	None	C.P.	
Mala, (Br.)	8	4	8

W. Africa, Islands of the Atlantic, (except St. Helena and Ascension), North Central, South America, and Hawaii. Falkland Islands, Lagos, Gold Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cape Verde Islands, Azores, Bermudas :—

Brindisi or Marseilles. Letters, Registration, Newspapers, Books and Patterns, 18

United States (via Europe), Canary and Madeira Islands, Canada, Vancouver's Island, Prince Edward's Island, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia :—

Letters, Registration, Newspapers, Books and Patterns, 18

W. Indies, Buenos Ayres, Costa Rica, Curacao, Guadalupe, Guatemala, Grey Town, Hayti, Honduras, La Guaya, Mexico, Monte Video, New Granada, Panama, Paraguay, Porto Rico, Surinam, Uruguay, and Venezuela :—

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Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru :—

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Brazil :—

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Honolulu, and Hawaii :—

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Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper.

The conditions are as follows :—

1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unprinted.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unprinted or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs, illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

A newspaper posted unpaid, or a packet of newspaper posted either unpaid or insufficiently paid, is treated as an unpaid or insufficiently paid book packet of the same weight.

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped wrapper.

No newspaper can now be sent through the post a second time for the original postage. For each transmission a fresh postage is required.

Every newspaper must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule is infringed the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily inscribed.

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contain any enclosure except implements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

A book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass, or any like substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise), in the case of books, pens or pencils. In the case of pocket-books, &c., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c., must not be sent as a separate packet.

Overlays, &c., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed,—may also be sent by book post.

Arrangements have been made to sell American Stamps at this Office, for the

letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3. If this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

A book-packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied at the ends with string; Postmasters being authorised to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.

No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

The following are the charges on Cor-

respondence forwarded by the

ABOVE PACKET TO CANADA, THE WEST INDIES, SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Letters, &c., can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to pay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

The charge for Registry is 8 cents in Hongkong Stamps, and 10 cents in U. S. Stamps to those places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named correspondence cannot be registered through, but only to San Francisco (8 cents).

The following are the charges on Cor-

respondence thus sent :—

Letters, per half ounce, Hongkong U. S. Stamps Stamps cents.

Canada, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Vancouver's Island, Nassau, New Providence, &c.

Barbados, Bermuda, Cuba, Fiji, Greenland, Jamaica, Panama, &c.

Hawaii, Newfoundland, &c.

Guatemala, Marquesas Is., Mexico, Salvador, Tahiti, Belize, Bogota, Cartagena, Costa Rica, Curacao, Georgetown, Honduras, Martinique, New Granada, Nicaragua, Santa Martha, Turk's Island, Venezuela, &c.

Honduras, and British West Indies.

They must not be of intrinsic value.

This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries, is restricted, to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise.

Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any article sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Pattern or samples, when practicable,

must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind,—but such articles only,—may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen, or other material, fastened in such manner that they may be readily opened or, in the case of seeds, &c., for the United States of America, Holland, and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal, and its possessions, and Switzerland, in bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

There must be no writing, or printing upon, or in any packet, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark, or number, and the price of the articles.

Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United States; and in the case of France samples of elder-down, raw or thread silk, woolen or goats' hair thread, vanilla, saffron, carnation, or iris glass, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the persons of any Officer of the Post Office, in course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, solids of various kinds, curvy combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone: viz., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verd Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Moldavia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies.

Indigo cannot be sent to any place abroad.

A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France, Madeira, Portugal, or by French packet, to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must not exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12 inches in width or depth.

The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with wax (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed but to the other letters in the mail, from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. The public are therefore recommended, in all such cases, to use either wafers or gum, and to advise their correspondents in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure, inasmuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless large sums of money or other articles of great value should not be sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission.

By law, the Post Office is not responsible for the safe delivery of registered packets; though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict account. Send in registered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created; and the Department cannot in any way undertake the safe conveyance of such packets. All inland colonial letters, therefore, which contain coins, and all inland letters which contain watches or jewellery, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as registered, and charged on delivery with a double registration fee of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage; and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the mail for which they are posted, are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter do not contain any articles of intrinsic value, it should, if it be very important, be registered.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing; the late fee will also be 15 cents.

Arrangements have been made to sell

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## MRS. BROWN IN JAPAN.

To the Editor of the *Japan Weekly Mail*.  
Grand 'Otel, 8th February, 1877.

Mrs. Brown presents her compliment to the Editor of the *Mail*, and will feel much obliged if you will read my letter attentively, as is a stranger in a farin' land, though no stranger to you. Mr. Editor as well I know, being a gentleman, as is all other readers, and cannot be ignorant of me as I am aware some people calls a "gossipin old thing," which them as says so ought cast their own eyes into the mat, as the saying is, for my gossipin aint nothin' to Yokohama which is the gospis place, and which you must hexcuse me, it aint no business of any of your good ladies, as is not as bad as men, why I come to this dropsey-tury country, as left Brown in San Francisco, all through Mrs. Elkins' second floor lodger's husband's sister, as blood is thicker than water as the sayin' is, and married a Japanese Dammyo as lodged next door, and was a learnin' the English language with a bad cough, as give her two beautiful chrysalid ear drops, as white as diamonds and twice as valuable, which Dammyo is his title and his nature, have often 'carded' her father supply the epithet, when he didn't come back being called away by the Miccon to take the place of Prime Minister, and thinks he must have sent himself into ten thousand pieces, as I 'ear all the Dammyos is obliged to do before they die, as shows that they never done nothin' disgraceful, and get large pensions, and so determined to come and look for 'im, as is too young to go trapezing about the world by 'erself and a lot Brown in San Francisco to look after is as, as is a old school feller of O'Brien's as 'as put 'im up to a thing or two, and come on 'ear to look for 'er 'usband, as is likely to 'ave bin deceived by an 'athan.

So I says to 'er "My dear, 'owever are we to set about findin' this 'eband of yours" as we found we were not Prime Minister, through the name being different."

"Oh! Mrs. Brown," she says, "I think we'd better go and call on the Miccon."

So I made inquiry, but found that he'd gone to a Ralecrone, with a lovely carriage made of gold and hamber, decorated with chrysanthemums, which is a beautiful flower as Mrs. Bewley and I once went to see in the Temple Gardening, though a foggy day, and the white ones very smutty with the blacks which was dreadful.

So I says, "My dear, I think we ought to hadvertise," and I asked the Clark what was the best paper for an abandoned female who wanted to find her lost Dammyo.

Says he, "I should think the *Mail*; as 'as got a new editor, as is known to be a sander-arter gentleman and very fond of the ladies, and will give you hovery information."

Says I, "I'll put a advertisement in tomorrow mornin'."

"It's too late to-night," he says, "cos the office is shut, but you can go to it 'cause on the 'ill."

"Gertainly," says I, "which is the way?"

"You better take a ginkoro," says he.

"Thank you young man," says I, "I prefer mine with peppermint, which though now and then, I've found a small drop soothing, when much put about but never exceeding, though once overcome, when forgetful. But I found he meant a preambulator, which is not a hinfant in harms, and can't abide to turn my fellow creatures into beasts of burden, though aye once or twice ridden on a donkey on Anstend 'Eath, very different when puttin' them in the shafts, and not what I call pleasin' to the hoys or helevatin' to the handmills.

So says I, "No thank you, I'd rather walk."

"Then I'll send a boy with you," he says quite perite. But lor! When I got out on the Bung, as you call the place opposite the sea, it blew that strong, that the lantern couldn't keep aight, and the boy had only his night gown on, that showed his legs, that I couldn't ahear to take him out in the cold.

So I says, "Take me over the bridge and show me the road and run back to bed, for you'll catch your death as sure as if you was a Christain."

He takes me over the bridge and he says, "Hundred 'leven, topside, all right," and then he makes a most perite bow and says "oyassume," which means I am told "take it easy," as in their custom to do at the 'otel.

Well, it was pitch dark, but the road seemed straight and good, and on I goes. I was gettin' on very well, though slightly blown, as am not so young as I was, and rather fleshy, as was said to me by an American lady on the steamer, though true, but soundin' strange to English ears. I was walkin' on, just wonderin' whether I could n't find a public house, where I could get three pennorth, with a little o' water and just a taste of peppermint, as is very good for the wind, through eatin' too many prawns, and layin' a little 'eavy on the stomach, as I am very partial to, and larger than I ever seen before, though the oysters is not so good as natives, but too dear in London, when I brought both my shins against a plank of wood, and fell all asprawl on a 'eap of gravel.

Well, I wondered where I'd got to, and was 'arf stunned, and when I came to, I found I'd tumbled over a box full of gravel, which'd been put in the middle of the road, for some purpu or other that I did not care about, but 'igly dangerous and ill-convenient, and a disgrace to a Christian community, let alone an 'eathen, without a lantern to show the danger.

I found I'd barked both shin pretty badly, beside bruising my knee and sprainin' my thumb, and sets myself down to derange my dress and rub my legs, when a policeman in minniture come up, and takes off his 'at quite perite and says, "you're a she?" "Of course I am. Sir," says I, rather sharp, for my shin was painin' me dreadfull. "Of course I am, and I've done nothin' to make me ashamed of my 'oot."

"Oh!" says he "you're a she, alright," and off he walks. I wonder what he'd do if I had been an he?

Well there I sat, quite confused like, afraid to move for fear of tumblin' over somethin' else, and every think as black as Egypt, and not known wot to do, when a gentleman come up in a white lookin' shay, and stops when he sees me.

"What is the matter, Madam?" says he, in a most pleasant voice, which sounded a little like Mike Maloney that married Brown's scuttid Johnin Betsy. "What is the matter, Madam? Can I be of any assistance?"

I told him I'd tumbled over somethin' or other and couldn't get back to the 'otel.

He jumps out of 'is trap, and says with the greatest periteness, "Let me drive you back, my dear Madam. I see that I've the honour to address the celebrated

Mrs. Brown; I little thought that our first introduction would be under such circumstances. It is indeed shameful—that such things should be permitted by our Municipal Directorship." I don't know what he meant, as I've not yet learned any Japanese, but it must be somethin' that don't work as it ought to do. "The box that you 'ave just fallen over is only one of many that are filled with gravel, and placed for the repairin' of the roads. Still I must not complain against them, as I 'ave now six patients as is sufferin' from tumbles of such nature as your own, and from cartridges bein' upset by drivin' against 'em in the dark. Puttin' aside twever personal benefit, I think it igh time that complaint should be lodged with the proper authorities."—If the Dammyo should come enquirin' after Jezimah Hann, please send 'im down to me, as can't write any more, bein' obliged to keep my legs in a chair with the cramp.

Your 'umble Servant,  
MARTHA BROWN.

THE DEFENCE  
OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

Ex-Colonel Valentine Baker, who has accepted a commission in the Turkish army, has drawn up the subjined scheme for fortifying Constantinopole.—"Constantinople and its approaches being the great prize which is so much coveted, it naturally follows that if this important position could be made so secure that a Russian occupation were impossible, a great political as well as military problem would have been solved. The superiority of the Turkish fleet and the works of defence erected in the Bosphorus and Dardanelles have prevented the possibility of a Muscovite capture of Constantinopole by a sea attack. It therefore only becomes necessary so to strengthen the land approaches as to make Constantinopole practically impregnable. And this could easily be accomplished. The Bosphorus can only be approached from the north by a narrow strip of land in some places only 23 miles wide. If a line of works were erected across this strip, with its right resting on the sea of Marmora, Constantinopole would be secure. An admirable position exists which is so sided by natural obstacles as to reduce the front to be defended to between 17 and 18 miles. This line extends from Lake Derkoi on the right, to the backwater of Buyuk Chikmege there is a harbour, and the backwater—1 mile and a quarter wide—guards for five miles the left of the position. The position then follows a range of hills commanding a broad and open valley, and offering every military advantage for purposes of defence, and eventually rests on Lake Derkoi. Between Lake Derkoi and the Black Sea the only approach lies by a narrow sandbank, easily commanded by a single work near the village of Derkoi. The railway from Constantinopole runs through the left centre of the position, and there is less communication on both flanks. There is abundant supply of water everywhere, and the country is peculiarly adapted for the encampment of troops. The proposed line of defence could easily be constructed by encamping troops along the position who would throw up the necessary works. Since the introduction of breech-loading arms it has been proved that a front attack upon a strong line of well defended works is practically impossible. In the proposed line of defence would be secure, and communications would be open, and with an unlimited facility of supply. Thus a hostile approach to the Bosphorus from the north by land would be rendered impossible. It is evident that the narrow neck of land which connects the Chersonese with Roumelia, and which is only between three and four miles in width, and with anchorage close in shore for ships of war on both flanks, offers such facilities for the defence of the approaches to the Dardanelles from the north that this position may be considered as unsatisfactory. But can Constantinopole be reached by a Russian army acting from the Caucasus and marching through Asia Minor? From the Caucasus to Constantinopole by road is upwards of 900 miles. There are no roads for artillery, and the country offers every difficulty relative to the maintenance of supplies. The flank and rear of an army so advanced would be exposed to attack by any power in command of the Black Sea. Finally, the approach to Constantinopole is also by a narrow neck of land only about 26 miles in width, and there would be ample time to erect a line of works extending from the Sulf of Ismid to the Black Sea and so blocking an advance from Asia Minor. Thus the line of works proposed, by making the position of Constantinopole practically impregnable to a Russian attack, would settle in a great degree that Eastern question which now offers such serious difficulties and dangers."

## HONGKONG RACES, 1877.

ALTHOUGH the weather was not quite so pleasant to-day as yesterday, yet it really furnished little cause for complaint. It drizzled slightly once or twice during the afternoon, and the people had to go home under similar circumstances, but beyond raising disagreeable anticipations of what might follow in the shape of a downpour, the little rain that fell could scarcely be regarded as a drawback to the success of the meeting. There was a considerable change of temperature, the weather being much colder during the latter part of the day. The attendance was probably about as large as that of yesterday. His Excellency Sir Arthur Kennedy, Miss Kennedy and Miss Banks being again among the company assembled at the Grand Stand. At the conclusion of the race for the Ladies' Purse, Mr. Nickells, the rider of the winning horse, *Skyark*, was presented with the prize by Miss McNair. The "Native Scramble" for China ponies was postponed until Monday, for which day several other races have been arranged.

**THIRD DAY.**  
Saturday, 24th February, 1877.  
1.—THE SPORTSMAN'S CUP, value \$300—presented—for all China Ponies and 4th Griffins at date of Entry. Weight for inches. Winner of the Derby, 7 lbs. Ponies. Winners of our race, 3 lbs.

China Ponies, the *bond side* Property of Hongkong and Canton. Residents of not less than six months immediately previous to date of Entry. Weight for inches. Entrance \$6. To be won two years consecutively by Ponies or Ponies, the *bond side* Property of the same Owner. Two Miles.

1. Mr. Monat's b. c. p. Sulky  
2. Do. ch. o. p. The Doctor  
3. Mr. Grammont's g. o. p. Steamboat  
4. Mr. Paul's blk. o. p. Kreutzer  
5. Do. w. o. p. Cui Bono  
6. Do. br. o. p. Wanderer  
7. Do. sp. o. p. Deception

Four horses came to the post, namely, Mr. Monat's *Sulky* and *The Doctor*, and Mr. Paul's *Wanderer* and *Deception*. The horses coming from only two stables rendered it somewhat difficult to identify them at a distance. A pretty fair start was effected, *Deception* leading, the others following in a body. On the Judge's box being passed the first time *Deception* still had the lead, with *Wanderer* second. Between the Bridge and the Rock *Wanderer* came up to the leader, but soon fell back again to the second place. On getting round to the same spot again, however, *Deception* began to lose ground rapidly, and gave way to all three of the other horses, taking the last place. A splendid race then ensued between the three horses, who came up the Straight nearly in a row. *Sulky* came in about half-a-length ahead of the other two, the nose of the second horse showing just in front of *The Doctor*. Time, 2 min. 47 sec.

*Sulky* (Dodd) 1  
*Wanderer* (Nickells) 2  
*The Doctor* (Aubert) 3

2.—THE CONSERVATOR CUP, value 100 Guineas—presented by the Consul of Hongkong,—for the subscription Horses only. Weight for age: 4 years old, 10st.; 5 years, 10st. 3 lbs.; 8 years and aged, 10st. 6 lbs. Winner of one race at this Meeting, 5 lbs extra; of two races, 10 lbs extra; of three races, 28 lbs extra. Previous non-starters excluded. Entrance \$10, to go to the Second Horse, One Mile.

1. Mr. Stevens' br. ans. g. *The Babe*  
2. Dr Gully's ch. ans. g. *Warlock*  
3. Mr. Legor's ch. ans. g. *Hesperus*  
4. Mr. Ernest's blk. ans. g. *Jim Crow*  
5. Mr. Bold's r. ans. g. *Rapid Rhone*  
6. Mr. Charles's b. ans. g. *Boomerang*  
7. Mr. Morgan's ch. ans. g. *Tartar*  
8. Mr. Andre's b. ans. g. *Newington*  
9. The Fashirson's b. ans. g. *Claymore*  
10. Mr. Fye's b. ans. m. *Cassandra*  
11. Mr. Fairy's b. ans. b. *Tip*  
12. Mr. Grammont's b. ans. m. *Dynamite*  
13. Mr. Chesterton's b. ans. g. *Newstead*  
14. Mr. Rudolph's b. ans. m. *Girofle*

For this event the four crack horses of the meeting competed, if we can include *Warlock*, who no doubt would be a formidable competitor if he had a better disposition for work. The four horses that entered an appearance were—*Claymore*, *Cassandra*, *Newstead*, and *Warlock*. As usual considerable difficulty was experienced in getting *Warlock* off, and when he did start, his obstinacy had placed him at a disadvantage, and he made a very poor race of it, sticking persistently to the last place and coming in a long way behind any of his rivals. *Newstead* took the lead and retained it throughout, although very hotly pressed by *Claymore* towards the end of the race. The two horses came up the Straight nearly neck and neck, but ultimately *Newstead* got in a winner by about two lengths, with *Cassandra* a bad third.—Time, 1m. 58 sec.

*Newstead* (Nickells) 1  
*Claymore* (D'Arnaud) 2  
*Cassandra* (Dodd) 3

3.—THE LADIES' PURSE,—for all Ponies that have run at this Meeting, to be handicapped by the Stewards. Entrance fee \$5. Once Round.

Entries for the Ladies' Purse:—*Cook Robin*, 12st. 6lb.; *Masaniello*, 11st. 7lb.; *Skyark*, 11st. 8lb.; *The Doctor*, 10st. 1lb.; *Pontif*, 10st. 7lb.; *Soldanella*, 10st. 7lb.; *Ventre de Biache*, 10st. 4lb.; *Bravo*, 10st. 2lb.; *Braves o' Mar*, 10st. 2lb.; *Moss Trooper*, 10st. 0lb.

Of these only four came forward, viz., *Skyark*, *Pontif*, *Outcast*, and *Moss Trooper*.

Some little difficulty was experienced on starting, and when they did at length get off, *Skyark* collared the lead by a good length, with *Soldanella* second. *Pontif* was after him and was soon by his side. From this point they rode in pairs. The *Trooper* and *Pontif* leading by a good length, and riding well together. Passing the Rock *Skyark* and *Outcast* put on a spurt, and were gaining visibly on the leaders. The *Trooper*'s energy began to show signs of flagging, and he was soon left behind whilst *Outcast* on passing the Village secured the lead and pressed forward for the winning post.

*Skyark* was, however, not far behind him and soon close on his heels. The race was here very exciting, and cries of *Outcast* and *Skyark* were heard alternately. Near the Stand the *Outcast* was still leading by half a length; but *Skyark* here called up all his energies and won by a neck. *Skyark* carried 13 lbs more than his rival.—Time, 1min. 58sec.

*Skyark* (Nickells) 1  
*Outcast* (Dodd) 2  
*Pontif* (Jenkins) 3

4.—THE SPORTSMAN'S CUP, value \$300—presented—for all China Ponies and 4th Griffins at date of Entry. Weight for inches. Winner of the Derby, 7 lbs. Ponies. Winners of our race, 3 lbs.

extra; of two races, 10 lbs extra; and 3 lbs extra for every additional race. Non-starters for the Derby, 5 lbs extra. Penalties accumulative. Previous non-starters, 12st. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

1. Mr. Head's ar. c. p. Northern Light  
2. Mr. Skelton's ch. o. p. Cook Robin  
3. Mr. Andrew's blk. o. p. The Raven  
4. Do. blk. o. p. Twinkle  
5. Do. g. o. p. Morning Star  
6. Do. g. o. p. Daybreak  
7. Mr. Henry's g. o. p. Santa Claus  
8. Mr. Mount's ch. o. p. The Doctor

Four out of the eight entries competed for this Cup, viz.: *Northern Light*, *The Raven*, *Santa Claus* and *The Doctor*. They got away pretty well together, *Santa Claus* taking the lead, with the *Doctor* second, *Raven* third. Passing the Stand they ran in line in this order, but nearing the Bridge they got closer together, *Santa Claus*, however, still leading, with the *Doctor* second. Here *Northern Light* collared *The Doctor*, but he soon had to give way. *Raven* coming up and contesting the field with *The Doctor*, the latter freely used both whip and spur. These two soon collared the leader, and passing the Village it was difficult to see who had the lead, the three being well together. Coming into the Straight *Raven* shewed in front, and came down to the winning post, leading by about half a length, and won in the canter by a good two lengths, with *Santa Claus* a good third.—Time, 2 min. 15 sec.

*The Raven* (Nickells) 1  
*The Doctor* (Aubert) 2  
*Santa Claus* (D'Arnaud) 3

5.—THE HONGKONG PLATE, value \$100, for all beaten Horses at this Meeting. Weight 10st. 7 lbs. Entrance \$10, to go to the Winner. From the two-mile post Once Round.

1. Mr. Mount's ch. ans. g. *Braves o' Mar*  
2. Mr. Paul's blk. o. p. Kreutzer  
3. Do. w. o. p. Moss Trooper  
4. Do. epd. c. p. Deception  
5. Do. w. o. p. Cui Bono  
6. Do. br. o. p. Wanderer  
7. Mr. Andrew's d. o. p. Ventre de Biache

Five ponies started, viz., *Santa Claus*, *Deception*, *Ventre de Biache*, *Twinkle*, *Outcast*, *Braves o' Mar*, and *Bravo*. This was one of the largest fields of the day. *Ventre de Biache* did not deceive his backers, although *Outcast* sadly disappointed his "constituents." The start was pretty fair, with *Bravo* leading. Owing to the drizzle and mist, but little of the running could be seen from the Stand. The result, however, shewed that *Ventre de Biache* had it all to himself, and landed an easy winner. *Braves o' Mar*, by a hard struggle, secured second place.—Time, 1 min. 58 sec.

*Ventre de Biache* (Jenkins) 1  
*Braves o' Mar* (D'Arnaud) 2  
*Santa Claus* (Morgan) 3

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

## Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

## Vessel's Name.

## Age.

## Captain.

## Flag and Rig.

## Tons.

## Date of Arrival.

## Consignee or Agents.

## Destination.

## Remarks.

Vessel's Name.	Age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers</b>								
Amy	5 c	Drewes	Brit. str.	814	Feb. 24	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Bomby	..	Smith	Brit. str.	849	Jan. 29	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	K'loong Dook
Butuan	4 c	Martino	Span. str.	257	Feb. 23	Order		
China	..	Henning	Ger. str.	648	Feb. 11	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	K'loong Dook
Douglas	..	Burke	Brit. str.	864	Feb. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	Ab'de'en Dook
Emerson	..	Thebaud	Brit. str.	355	Feb. 16	A. McC. Heaton	Manila	To-day
Flinthire	4 b	Thomas	Brit. str.	1243	Feb. 17	H. Kier	London, &c.	Ab'de'en Dook
Glenroy	..	Taylor	Brit. str.	1870	Feb. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Cooktown	26th, 2 p.m.
Killarney	4 c	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	Feb. 23	12 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Coast Ports, &c.	26th, noon
Leonor	5 h	Young	Brit. str.	408	Feb. 23	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yahama & San F'olco	Mails
Oceanic	3 k	Parcell	Brit. str.	2349	Feb. 19	G. B. Emory	Shanghai	To-day
Pau Tah	4 c	Patterson	Ch. str.	870	Feb. 24	C. M. S. N. Co.	Salon	To-day
Penedo	4 c	Cain	Brit. str.	652	Feb. 7	7 Melchers & Co.	London &c.	
Saada	4 h	White	Brit. str.	37	Dec. 17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Salon	
Stentor	5 c	Hutchison	Brit. str.	1500	Feb. 23	Butterfield & Swire	.....	
Yottung	2 h	Lopez	Brit. str.	530	Feb. 14	Butterfield & Swire	Manila	Repairing
Zamboanga	..		Span. str.	324	June 9	K'wok Acheong	Co'stan Deck	
<b>Sailing Vessels</b>								
A. F. Stalcknecht	8 c	Schultz	Ger. bge.	539	Feb. 8	Siemens & Co.	Portland	
Adela	8 c	Beattie	Brit. bge.	358	Feb. 14	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Alden Beans	4 c	Noyes	Amer. bge.	842	Jan. 29	Rozario & Co.		
Belle of Oregon	8 c	Morrison	Amer. bge.	1168	Feb. 9	Rozario & Co.		
Bertha	3 c	Ringa	Ger. bge.	442	Jan. 26	Wieder & Co.		
Bonita	4 c	Wesenberg	Ger. bge.	524	Jan. 28	Siemens & Co.		
Bua Chao	2 h	Lang	Span. bge.	338	Jan. 26	Chinese		
Canton	3 c	Crantz	Ger. bge.	373	Feb. 21	Siemens & Co.		
Carpo	2 h	Murphy	Brit. bge.	1023	Feb. 2	Order		
Cheng Soon	2 h	Cheng Sang	Span. sch.	200	April 30	Chinese		
Cocran	5 k	Vincent	Amer. sch.	230	.....	Insurance Company		
Edward James	4 c	O'Brien	Amer. bge.	529	Jan. 9	Rozario & Co.	Portland	
Formosa	4 c	Quiggle	Brit. 3m.s.	881	Feb. 17	Siemens & Co.	Portland	
Forward	8 c	Vanderford	Brit. bge.	750	Feb. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Portland	
Gardabald	4 c	Forbes	Amer. bge.	670	Feb. 23	Order		
Glamorganshire	8 c	McBachern	Brit. bge.	456	Feb. 23	Steinmann & Co.	New York	
Hongkong	3 k	Oom	Ger. 3m.s.	220	Feb. 16	Russell & Co.		
Jacoline	3 c	Hohlmann	Ger. bge.	417	Feb. 20	Steinmann & Co.		
Korsor	3 c	Grove	Dan. bge.	317	Feb. 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Loiters	2 h	Vincent	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 18	Insurance Co.		
Lytta	2 c	Young	Brit. bge.	898	Feb. 11	Butterfield & Swire	New York	
McNear	8 c	Bradford	Amer. sch.	1800	Jan. 31	8 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Cebu	
Neheemiah Gibson	3 c	Lidder	Span. bge.	432	Feb. 9	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Pallas	2 h	Hunte	Span. bge.	429	Jan. 9	Chinese		
Rapid	2 h	Matthews	Brit. bg.	241	Feb. 5	Pholphant & Co.		
Hic Lora	1 c	Schulz	Brit. sch.	898	Feb. 8	5 Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Ross Bettcher	2 h	Selkirk	Brit. sch.	933	Feb. 8	8 Melchers & Co.		
Spanich Nicholson	2 h	Saxtoph	Span. bge.	540	Feb. 10	9 Taek Mee & Co.		
Siamese Crown	2 h	Johnson	Brit. bge.	347	Jan. 10	10 Rozario & Co.		
Spirits of the Age	2 h	Jan	Foh. bg.	490	Feb. 24	11 Carlowitz & Co.		
St. Anne	2 h	Blafers	Brit. sch.	734	Jan. 21	12 Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Star of China	2 h	Clough	Amer. sch.	1071	Oct. 21	12 Russell & Co.		
Sumatra	2 h	Goldie	Brit. sch.	948	Jan. 12	13 Meyer & Co.		
Tyburnia	3 c	Maricaschawitz	Span. sch.	152	Feb. 8	8 Remedios & Co.		
Union	2 h	Fish	Amer. bge.	1183	Feb. 12	12 Order		
Western Bells	8 c	Vanderford	Brit. bge.	681	Feb. 12	Rozario & Co.		
Willard Turnes	..							
<b>WHAMPoa</b>								
Iraju		Pearce	Brit. bge.	327	Feb. 19	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Ch'efoo	
Fresto		Laidman	Brit. bge.	384	Feb. 20	20 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Signal		Witney	Amer. bge.	493	Feb. 10	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		

## Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor-age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ashuelot	6 h	American	corvette	1100	6	700	Feb. 18	E. O. Matthews
Audacious	8 h	British	iron-clad (flag-ship)	6750	14	800	Feb. 21	Colomb'
Ching Ting	6 h	Chinese	revenue cruiser	800	4	600	Dec. 19	A. L. Douglas
Egeria	6 c	British	steam sloop	550	4	120	Feb. 21	Cooker
Fei Hoo	6 c	Chinese	revenue cruiser	464	4	120	Feb. 8	Walter Stewart
Grovler	6 c	British	gun vessel	464	4	120	Feb. 20	H. N. Hippolyte
Hornet	7 h	British	gun vessel	3400	.....	.....	Feb. 14	E. White
Himalaya	7 c	British	troopship	1200	.....	.....	Feb. 23	Boraffo,
Marquez de la Vida	6 c	Spanish	transport	2691	.....	.....	.....	H. Salmon
Meaneue	6 k	British	military hospital	465	4	120	Dec. 19	Valda
Midge	6 h	British	gunboat	600	.....	.....	Feb. 17	Rapello
Nautlius	6 h	German	gun vessel	1200	.....	.....	Feb. 23	Licut. com. E. A. Bolitho
Patino	6 c	Spanish	transport	408	.....	.....	Jan. 24	Bonham W. Box
Swinger	7 h	British	gun vessel	505	.....	.....	Jan. 15	F. Amaral
Sylva	7 h	British	surveying vessel	444	2	100	Jan. 6	Commodore Watson
Teto	Slip	Portug.	gun vessel	3087	.....	.....	.....	H. C. D. Ryder
Victor Emanuel	6 c	British	Commodore's flag-ship	660	2	250	Feb. 23	
Vigilant	6 h	British	despatch vessel	.....	.....	.....	.....	

## HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

Name.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners.	Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
Fame	117	Stopani	H. & W'pon Dock Co.	An-lan	431	7	.....	J. Godall
Fei Wan	700	Martin	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.	Chen-ju	28</			